

## REMARKS

### Claim Amendments

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 30 to correct obvious grammatical errors. No new matter has been added.

Claims 14-17 and 19-23 and 28 are canceled and claims 3, 6-12, 18, 24-26 and 29 have been amended to replace the original claims which were in multiple dependent form. Accordingly, it is submitted that the new claims do not introduce new matter. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-13, 18, 24-27 and 29-30 will be pending.

### Conclusion

Applicants have enclosed a check to cover the filing fees for this application. Further, Applicants do not believe that they owe any additional fees for this application, however, if there is ever any fee deficiency or overpayment of any fees in connection with this patent application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such deficiency or credit such overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750.

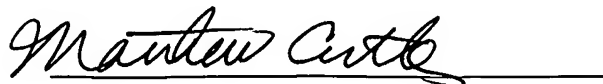
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